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## WASHINGTON.

The Chicago Relief Bill---Motion to Reconsider Debated in the Senate.

Speeches by Senators Carpenter and Davis on the Amnesty Bill.

The Resolution Endorsing Boutwell's Syndicate Operations Adopted in the House.

Mr. Colfax's Position on the Question of Renomination.

February Statement of the Public Debt.

Reduction During the Past Month, $5,663,511.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

COLFAX—WILSON.

The paragraphs floating around representing a bitter contest is in progress between the friends of Mr. Colfax and Senator Wilson do injustice to both these gentlemen. The Vice-President has carefully refrained from every appearance of taking part in any controversy between the two, and his relations are entirely friendly with Mr. Wilson and with his friends; and if he were nominated, Mr. Colfax would give him earnest support. The position of the Vice-President upon the question of renomination is exactly as he personal friends to be exactly stated by his personal friends to be exactly stated by himself. He did fully expect his official life to close with the present term, and his letter announcing that was written in entire good faith. Upon his return to Washington, at the opening of this session, the Republicans from the South and East went to him and insisted that he should agree that if the same were again presented at the next Convention, he should not object to its use, and that was deemed important by many prominent men of the party that there should be no change in the old ticket. To many such appeals Mr. Colfax finally replied that he was first for the renomination of General Grant, knowing as he did the unanimity of the President had been, his new faithful and patriotic his Administration has been. As for himself, he could not ask a renomination, or use any effort to obtain it, nor would he approve any of those who were suggesting it; but if it was thought best to renominate the old ticket, it would be a political duty not to decline. Such is Mr. Colfax's exact position, as understood by his personal friends.

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The indications to-day it seems to be evident that the passage of the Chicago Relief bill has not secured in unlimited enough amendment and interpretation to prevent action on this measure for some days, if not altogether. Chandler has been earnestly at work, ever since the bill was reported, trying to defeat it, and in this labor he has had the active co-operation of Carpenter. To-day Logan called up the motion to reconsider bill, with a view finally disposing thereof; but Chandler immediately protested against such action without hearing in the Finance Committee, where the whole business can be affected by it and have a hearing. Mr. Chandler read several remonstrances from his constituents against the policy of the bill as designed to injure interests, and intimated that the bill was a trade trick. Logan was proceeding to reply to these charges when the morning hour arrived, and further discussion was suspended. The matter, however, kept the floor long enough to report the best commentary upon all the issues of his bill was, that it was the exact duplicate of Recorded Relief bill, passed by Congress after the conflagration in that city.

BANK BILLS.

The Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads considered this morning the Bill for the issue of a new railroad bridge over the Mississippi at Clinton, Iowa. The opposing counsel were on hand, and an exciting scene occurred between Prof. Jay and Lyman Elmore, attorney for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. Great excitement was manifested over this bill, but it is understood that amendments will be adopted satisfactory to all parties.

CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY.

The Committee on Public Buildings have had a terrible argument with that on Appropriations, the latter claiming that all bills authorizing expenditures must first be considered by them. The former Committee have decided to ask the passage of a rule providing for direct action by the House upon measures that it reports, and that the subsequent duty of the Appropriation Committee to report the bill with the necessary appropriations.

THE STEAMBOAT BILL.

The Committee on Commerce have considered the bill proposed amendments to the Steamboat bill, and rejected both. The first related to pilots. The amendment did not, as in the bill, give them half of the fine. The Committee decided to retain the clause giving them the whole. The second modified the authority of inspectors, that their discretion to prescribe additional safeguards against fire and other dangers. The Committee have retained the clause giving this discretion.

COMMERCE.

On Thursday, next week, Secretaries Boutwell and Delano will give their views upon the revival of American shipping, and the establishment of a merchant marine before the House Committee on Commerce.

THE SUSPENSION OF NATIONAL BANKS.

A request of Mr. Hooper, Chairman of the Committee on Currency, for authority to send for persons and papers to investigate the suspension of National banks in New York, excites considerable talk among members, in view of the fact that Mr. Hooper, in the Thirty-Ninth Congress, ordered the failure of the Merchants' National Bank of this city, he prevented the printing of the report and the evidence taken in that case, although the House ordered both to be printed by a large majority. The suppression was effected by a quiet motion to reconsider, which did not attract attention. High officials in the city were at that time and prominent financial interests were involved.

THE CINCINNATI IRREGULARITY.

The Attorney General has received a letter from the editor of the Cincinnati *Gazette*, giving the views of George R. Sage as the author of the publications in that paper over the signature of "Fairfield" relating to the affairs of the Attorney's office. The following is the letter of Mr. Bateman's letter, dated Jan. 19, to the Attorney General, sent under cover to Senator Sherman, and asking for an investigation:

I enclose a newspaper slips taken from the Cincinnati *Gazette*, containing discussions of my conduct in this office, and making charges of gross misconduct and abuse of my powers in this city in favor and aid of a lawyer of this city, who is a partner of mine, in his practice. The publication is endorsed by the *Gazette* as the result of investigation. I submit the whole matter to you for the purpose of asking an investigation in your direction. I desire that it be made thoroughly and exhaustively, and that it be not left to be done by them, and the public services of this office to the extent injured until they can be discovered. If you make such investigation or cause it to require it, I hope you will have it made at once. Yours respectfully,

(Signed) WARNER M. BATEMAN.

Under date of Jan. 23, Senator Sherman sent the letter to the Attorney General, with the following:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.

DEAR SIR: At the request of Mr. Bateman, District Attorney of the Southern District of Ohio, I inclose herewith the request that you order a full and thorough investigation of certain charges made against him in the Cincinnati *Gazette*. If they are false, it is but just to him that these falsehoods should be exposed and punished. If they are true, it is due to the public that they be exposed and punished. I, therefore, suggest that you will order a thorough investigation. While I have the highest confidence in the ability, integrity, and purity of Mr. Bateman's official and private life, yet such charges, if made against a person unknown to me, would create a prejudice which, if concealed under the cloak of secrecy, might do him a great injustice. I am, therefore, glad to have the matter investigated. Truly yours,

JOHN SHERMAN.

Judge Irving declines to undertake the investigation, the Attorney General will arrange for prosecution here.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The following is a recapitulation of the public debt statement:

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| Debt less cash in Treasury February 1, 1872 | $1,816,304,599 |
| January 1, 1872 | 1,841,838,411 |
| Decrease of the debt during the past month | $25,533,811 |
| Decrease of the debt since March 1, 1871 | $5,657,211 |
| Decrease of the debt from March 1, 1869, to March 1, 1872 | $3,690,597 |
| Bonds issued to Pacific Railroad Companies, interest payable in lawful money | $64,623,512 |
| Principal outstanding | 27,236,960 |
| Interest accrued and not yet paid | 64,623,512 |
| Interest paid by the United States | 14,631,040 |
| Interest repaid by transportation of mails, etc | |
| Balance of interest paid by United States | 49,992,472 |
| | 11,130,915 |

WEST POINT VISITORS.

The following gentlemen have been appointed by the President as members of the Board of Visitors to the West Point Military Academy in 1872: Hon. Louis S. Lovell, Michigan; Hon. Charles Hodge, Princeton, N. J.; General H. T. Reid, of Iowa; Hon. Wm. Claflin, Ex-Governor of Massachusetts; Frederick Macarthur, Esq., of San Francisco; Professor J. R. Loomis, of Pennsylvania, and Colonel John B. Soudder, of Tennessee. Three others are to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two by the Vice President.

MORMON DISSATISFACTION.

Telegrams from Mormons and Gentiles in Salt Lake were received by the Attorney General today, confirming the decision of Judge McKean in not admitting Brigham Young, and other murderers, to bail, and from Federal officers, there, endorsing the Judge's decision.

ELECTION CASE.

The reported decision of the case of Abbot versus Vance, by the Election Committee is premature, that Committee not having held any meeting.

BRIDGE BILL.

The Senate Committee on Post Roads this morning agreed to make a favorable report on Harlan's bill, authorizing the construction of a public bridge across the Mississippi River at Clinton, Iowa.

MATRIMONIAL.

Governor Campbell, of Wyoming Territory, was married this evening to Miss Isabella Craig Wunderly. Grace Church was crowded with friends of the parties to witness the ceremony.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT.

Delegations of manufacturers, representing the leading industries of the United States, were presented to the President. Senator Scott, in introducing the party, said they were there to prevent a reduction of the duties on foreign articles which entered into competition with American manufactures, which reduction could only result in a direct injury to the interests of American labor. The President said he believed his views on this subject were generally well understood, and had not changed from those expressed in his last annual Message, that a reduction of the duties on articles that we could manufacture had but one tendency, that of depressing industry, paralyzing the working classes, and reducing them to the condition of the pauper labor of Europe. He understood that the policy of Congress, or rather his desires regarding such action upon this question, were that articles not produced in this country entering into general competition should be admitted free of duty, while the duties of those competing with our manufactures should not be reduced. The delegation visited Secretary Boutwell, who indicated his opposition to any policy interfering with the productions of this country.

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Yesterday's Proceedings in the Illinois General Assembly.

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Bill to Pension the Widow of Colonel Grosvenor Tabled in the Same Body.

Passage Also in the House of the Justice of the Peace Jurisdiction Bill.

Nelson's Compromise on the Eminent Domain Question Likely to be Accepted.

The Mayor's Bill Again Recalled from the Senate, and Amended.

Both Houses Adjourn Until Monday Next.

ILLINOIS.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

RECESS.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 1.—Both houses adopted the resolution to adjourn till Monday, which means that there will be no quorum till Tuesday.

THE FREE LIBRARY BILL

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COLLECTORS' FEES COMMITTED.

The House passed in Committee of the Whole the Emergency bill to fix the fees of Township and County Collectors for this year. It will give the West Side Collector in Chicago about $12,000.

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The Secretary of War has recommended Congress to make a special appropriation of $100,000 to continue the armament of certain Southern forts.

MONTANA INDIAN WAR CLAIMS.

Inspector General James A. Hardie reports that he has succeeded in replacing nearly all the evidence collected in support of the Montana Indian war claims and which was destroyed in the Chicago fire. His list of articles is about finished, but he will hold his report at Chicago for ten or twelve days longer to give dilatory claimants an opportunity to prove their cases and come in on the bill. The awards amount to over half a million of dollars, and it is expected that the appropriation to pay them will be made during the present session of Congress.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.

ICE-BOATS.

The House amendment to the bill exempting Philadelphia ice-boats from inspection was concurred in.

RELIEF BILL.

Mr. SHERMAN introduced a bill for the relief of Miles Greenwood, the naval contractor.

TELEGRAPH BILL.

Mr. SAWYER introduced a bill to encourage telegraphic communication between America, Asia, and Europe.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Mr. LEWIS made a personal explanation, saying he always was in favor of equal rights for colored people.

NEW BILLS.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

Mr. MORRILL (Me.), authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to distribute among the officers and crew belonging to the United States steamer Kearsarge while engaged in the capture and destruction of the rebel steamer Alabama the sum of $190,000 as prize money, in lieu of the bounty authorized by the act of June 30, 1864, and to distribute said money among them or the assignees of mariners, but only to themselves as legal representatives.

By Mr. LEWIS (Ohio)—Establishing a drawback on all foreign materials used in the construction of American-built vessels; increasing the compensation of light-house inspectors to $1,200 per annum; and re-establishing a branch mint at New Orleans.

CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

Mr. LOGAN asked for the reconsideration of the Chicago Relief bill.

Mr. SHERMAN called attention to the remarkable statement in the Chicago TRIBUNE, as follows: The extension of the principle of the bill to all burned cities, towns, villages, and houses, in the Northwest, proposing free trade wherever destroyed by fire.

Mr. CHANDLER. Why not, if it's right in the case of Chicago?

Mr. SHERMAN. It is hard to say why not, but if that is true, we must pass such bills every time a fire occurs, thus discriminating against house in manufacturing towns.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN favored reconsideration.

Mr. LOGAN referred to a charge in one of the letters read by Mr. Chandler that this bill was a free trade trick, and said he had prepared and introduced the bill without the knowledge of any other person, and had simply followed the precedent set in the case of Portland.

AMNESTY BILL.

At the expiration of the morning hour the bill was taken up.

Mr. CARPENTER said he was not one of those who were hungering and thirsting after the passage of this bill; but his political associates favored it, and he supposed it would pass in some form. He hoped, however, that the Senate would insist that those who had received amnesty should take the supplementary Civil-Rights bill with it. So far from there being any incompatibility between the two measures it eminently fit that they should go together. The passage of the Civil-Rights bill would serve to reconcile people or the country to the passage of the Amnesty bill; and if the friends of the Amnesty bill were acting in good faith, they would not refuse amnesty because it was coupled with the measure of justice. If they did, he would then wait for amnesty until they changed their minds. Everybody knew that this Amnesty bill was really a bill to reinforce the Democratic party and before passing it would be well to know what was the intention of that party in dealing with the colored citizens of the South. The Senator from Missouri (Schurz) had delivered a very ingenious and able speech in support of the theory that the only proper way to deal with the rebels was to forgive them fully and quickly. As usual that Senator has constructed his theory without reference to the facts, and seemed to have adopted the idea that if the facts connected with his theory so much the worse for the facts (Laughter). He (Carpenter) could see no evidence of the soundness of the Senator's theory in this case. The Government had been extremely merciful and generous in dealing with rebels, but that policy had not produced the happy effects attributed to it by Mr. Schurz. The rebels, as a class, had given no proof of return to genuine loyalty, and he believed that within twelve months from the passage of a bill relieving Jefferson Davis of his disabilities (Mr. Davis' name was not mentioned) the Senate. He knew that the intelligent politicians at the South intended to behave reasonably well until the passage of the Amnesty bill, but he had no doubt they regretted the Ku Klux outrages as obstacles in the way of such a bill. But, whenever it should pass, and put Jefferson Davis on the same footing with Generals Grant and Sherman, he expected no more considerate action at the South for the sentiments of Northern citizens. He regretted the stern which the debate had taken yesterday, and scouted the idea that if this Civil Rights bill were rejected the colored voters would abandon the Republican party. He would vote for the bill himself, but he wished to have it amended, and at the proper time he would offer a substitute, leaving out the provision applicable to churches. He thought it doubtful whether Congress had the power to enact that provision, and he was perfectly certain that, even if such power existed, it would be very unwise and injurious to colored men themselves to exercise it in this way.

Mr. THURMAN moved to amend Mr. Carpenter whether his substitute retained the provision relative to schools.

Mr. CARPENTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. THURMAN. I remember listening to an argument by the Senator, a year or two ago, in which he conceded the idea that the Federal Government had any right to interfere with the schools, and I would like to know on what principle he now claims for the Federal Government the right to interfere with education in the States.

Mr. CARPENTER. The question is easily answered. What I doubted, then, was whether Congress had the power to enter upon the Government scheme of education in the States, and appropriate money in support of schools. But while reflection has led me to doubt still more, I have no doubt of the power of this Government, under the Constitutional amendments, to say that the colored man shall have his rights in the common schools, and on that subject I hope the Republican party will never back one inch. The distinction seems to me to be perfectly clear between voluntary institutions, whether incorporated or not, which ought not to be interfered with, and those insti-

## INDIANA.

The Late Secretary Eddy's Successor---Raid on the Gamblers.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—The Governor does not yet made an appointment of a successor to the late Norman Eddy, Secretary of State, but it is generally expected that he will appoint General Nathan Kimball, late Treasurer of State, who will hold the office nominally, and retain Colonel Eddy's deputies in charge, and donate the salary and proceeds of the position to the family of Colonel Eddy. This appointment will give satisfaction to both parties.

The police have raided all the known gambling dens in the city. Several of the leaders pocketed their bonds and forfeited their bonds and expressed them in to Chicago to avoid seizure.

Arrangements are being made to lay the corner stone of the State Agricultural College, better known as the Purdue University, at Lafayette, at an early day.

## ALEXIS.

The Ducal Party to Explore the Mammoth Cave this Evening, and Proceed to Memphis.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 1.—The Ducal party left at 9 o'clock this morning, by a special train, over the Nashville Road, accompanied by a number of leading citizens, for the Mammoth Cave, which gentlemen, for the Mammoth Cave, which gentlemen, for the Mammoth Cave, which they party intend to explore this evening, when the ladies and gentlemen will return, and the Duke and his suite proceed to Memphis, arriving there to-morrow. Their visit here has been most gratifying, both to our guests and citizens.

## LOUISIANA.

The Congressional Investigation in New Orleans---The Ducile---Personal.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—The only two witnesses who were examined by the Congressional Investigating Committee were General Sheridan and Lieutenant-Colonel Ingraham, of the United States Marshal Packard. Camp bell is an ex-Iowa Colonel, who holds three or four lucrative or useful offices under Warmoth, among them those of Senator and Register of the Land Office. Both Campbell and Packard were exceedingly reticent witnesses and, though questioned at length and sharply, neither one was said to have panned out very well. It was not developed in Packard's testimony, as it leaked out in the last issue of the Ducile, much more reliable, that the Senators whom Casey spirited away in the revenue cutter Wilderness were furnished with blankets from a steamboat detained by the customs officers on account of alleged irregularities.

Mr. Henry Burch, the principal colored adherent of the Custom House faction, was to-day challenged by a friend of Pinchback Manning, a litterary black and tan, who had slandered.

Quite an influx of Northern people to spend February in New Orleans and witness the Mardi-Gras festivities is anticipated. Among arrivals from Chicago to-day were Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and John Lyle King.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—Before the Congressional Committee, Senator Campbell testified that he did not know of any Senator having been influenced by the passage of the Amnesty bill by peculiary motives; had heard such charges made, but did not know of them himself. He admitted that he was interested in the Ducile Company, but he bought it; that he was a Senator, Major General of militia, and Land Commissioner, but did not believe he violated his oath of office in keeping other positions.

[Note.—The pay of Senator is $1,000; Major General, $5,000; and Land Commissioner, fees.]

Marshal Packard was next called. On being questioned about the cause of difference between the Federal authorities and the Governor, he evidenced a list of charges against the Governor. Some of the Committee objected to his reading them, unless submitted under oath. Packard stated all that he could swear to that he believed them. The charges were read, thirteen in all. They in substance charged the Governor

# FOURTH CONVICTION.

## Montgomery Found Guilty of Another Act of Bribery.

## His Connection with the David M. Ford Water-Pipe Contract.

## Nineteen Aldermen Received a Hundred Dollars Each.

## Mr. McCullagh Testifies as to His Agency in the Transaction.

## He Declines to Tell What He Did with the Rest of the Money.

## Louis Wahl is Permitted to Explain at Some Length.

## He Tells How His "Poor Friend Montgomery" Tried to Help Him.

## And How McGrath Volunteered His Services, "Provided," Etc.

## Motions for New Trials to be Argued To-Day--The Sentences to be Pronounced To-Morrow.

The trial of ex-Alderman Montgomery, under the indictment charging him with having accepted a bribe in the matter of the Ford water-pipe contract, was resumed yesterday morning in the Criminal Court, Judge Tree presiding. As usual, the attendance of spectators was very large, the Court-room being densely crowded. The first witness examined was

DAVID M. FORD,

who, being sworn for the prosecution, testified as follows:

*Examined by Mr. Reed:* Q. You were sworn last night? A. Yes, sir.

Q. What is your name? A. David M. Ford.

Q. Look at that document [handing witness a paper] and state whether that is your signature? A. It is.

Q. Look at that also [handing witness another paper]. A. That is my signature.

Mr. Adams. Is that the contract?

Mr. Reed. Yes, sir; no, it is the bond.

Q. Do you know the other signatures ala there? A. Yes.

Q. Whose are they? A. Louis Wahl, R. P. Barnes, on the bond; on the contract, Joseph Murphy, W. H. Carter, and R. Prindeville.

Q. Who were they at the time they said that--did they hold any office--Carter and Prindeville A. They were Commissioners of the Board of Public Works.

Q. Of this city of Chicago. A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was this signed and executed at the date it bears? A. I think it was.

Q. Where were you when you signed it? A. I think it was in the office of the Board of Public Works.

Q. In the Court House in this city? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Mr. Ford, do you know John W. McCullagh who was connected with the *Chicago Republican*? A. I do.

Q. State whether you paid him any money for any purpose connected with what this bond and contract calls for. A. I did not.

Q. Did you pay him any money for any purpose? A. I paid him some money for an advertisement in the paper early in August I think--I think it was August 1st or 2d.

Q. Were you present at any time with Mr. Wahl when Mr. McCullagh was? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where was he and him any money at that time? A. McCullagh?

Mr. Reed. Yes, sir.

The Witness. I did.

Q. Who did you hand it to? A. I handed some to Mr. Wahl.

Q. How much? A. Three hundred dollars.

Q. In the presence of Mr. McCullagh? A. I think Mr. McCullagh was in the room.

Q. Did you hear him say that Mr. Wahl did with the money? A. I did not.

Q. When was that? A. I think it was on the morning of the 6th of September.

Q. Last? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where were you at that time? In the office of the Board of Public Works, or where? A. I was without figuring it up.

Q. Had you, in conversation with the Board of Public Works--I will put this in evidence--it is the *Chicago Republican*--I have already proved it was the corporation newspaper.

Mr. Smith. What was it?

Mr. Reed. A certain advertisement.

Q. Had you had any conversation with the Board of Public Works, after you failed to furnish pipe in August, about this advertisement? A. I do not remember having any conversation with them about the advertisement. I had a conversation with them about--with one of them, I think--in regard to their getting more pipe, etc.

Q. Now, you say that your creditors sent in a proposal to the Board of Public Works for furnishing the pipe that remained unfurnished, and asking for a higher price, and that that proposal was referred to the Committee on Council, and the Common Council took some action upon it--I understood you to say that.

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Mr. Adams. He says that his creditors sent in a proposal--he I understood him.--(the Court will correct me if I am wrong)--to the Board of Public Works after your failure and before the 1st of September--in August, after your consent was thrown into their hands, proposing to furnish the remaining number of pipes at a higher price.

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Mr. Smith. Ask him for any facts.

The Court. That is a conclusion of law as to whether it was or was not so.

Q. Did the Board of Public Works, prior to the time that they declared your contract forfeited, and after you say you became unable, from your failure, to furnish pipe to the city under your contract, take any action whatever? A. They advertised for proposals.

Q. To furnish pipe. A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you look at that advertisement [A copy of the *Chicago Republican* handed to witness by Mr. Adams]? Is that the advertisement? A. That's the advertisement.

Q. Now, will you state to the jury what that pipe that is advertised for is the pipe which remained unfurnished under your contract, and whether there is any difference between the pipe mentioned in the advertisement and the pipe which remained unfurnished under your contract? A. The sizes of the pipe are the same, but the amount called for is different.

Q. Different? A. Yes, sir.

*By Mr. Reed.* The amount called for? A. The amount called for is different.

Q. Is that which is contract called for more, or less? A. Well, of some sizes it is more, and of others, I think, less.

Q. Where are as much pipe called for there, in that advertisement as remained unfurnished under your contract? A. I believe there is not.

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# MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

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THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 1.

By private letters received here from Washington, we learn that the Comptroller of the Currency will require the National Banks which pay "branch offices" in different parts of the city to close them soon, probably within a week or so.

Notwithstanding the announcement by an evening paper that the "savings bank panic in New York is still raging," there are no evidences of any such condition of things. On the contrary, confidence seems being restored, as the public become convinced that all the weak spots have been found. The failure of several banks a week or two ago seems to have put all other similar institutions on their guard. They have been strengthening themselves and there is much less danger of further panic now than there was a week ago. The improved confidence is reflected in the firmness of the prices of stocks, notwithstanding the movement of the bears to break down prices, so as to get rid of them at low figures, preparatory to the expected rise in the latter part of this month.

Busy continues abundant in this and all the other leading markets of the country. Country bank, however, are still checking pretty heavily on their accounts here, for means to carry grain in the country, and are also offering some of the bills received by them in these transactions for paper taken by them in the settlement of railway stations in all the surrounding country stations. Business is now being accumulated at the particular corn, now being accumulated at the railway stations in all the surrounding country stations. Business is now being accumulated at the particular corn, now being accumulated at the railway stations in all the surrounding country stations. The amount of grain, so large that it must inevitably afford employment for about all the surplus money of the Chicago banks before spring.

Exchange was weaker again to-day, and sold at from par to 50 per $1,000 discount between banks to-day.

### MONEY AND EXCHANGE FROM CHICAGO.

The Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company, of London, the North British and Mercantile, and also several of the best New York insurance companies, are cancelling the greater portion of their policies in this city in consequence of the decision of the Chamber of Commerce Council to take any decisive steps toward the adoption of a fire ordinance that will prevent the city from burning up every year or two. The three companies named are cancelling every fire risk mentioned on property in the West Division, as they consider that part of the city more liable to a fire than the South Division in consequence of the general alarm all are liable to such a disaster, and somewhat less liable to such a disaster, inasmuch wherever it is dangerous to the city to have large quantities of coal, but even in this quarter, these companies are taking no new risks; in fact, these companies have already cancelled almost three-fifths of their risks, and were outstanding in the city a month ago, and the other half are promptly continued until it shall be determined by the board of directors whether the companies shall withdraw from Chicago altogether. After listening until their policy-holders several millions of dollars for losses in the great fire of 1871, they cannot be constantly said to the movement of some of the most reliable companies is in any manner a "dodge" or feint to the sake of gaining some advantage. The withdrawal of these companies are evidently impressed with the idea that the city is being rebuilt and extended with a class of tenements that it is an unsafe place to do insurance business in, and that the people of the city are not disposed to take any decisive steps toward the adoption of a fire ordinance that will prevent the city from burning up every year or two. The three companies named are cancelling every fire risk mentioned on property in the West Division, as they consider that part of the city more liable to a fire than the South Division in consequence of the general alarm all are

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## REFORM IN CITY GOVERNMENTS.

The conviction and punishment of a row of city Aldermen for bribery as one would bowl down ninepins, three or four at a stroke,—marks a new epoch in the government of cities. For a long time even the most ardent believers in universal suffrage and popular governments have been accustomed to qualify their eulogies upon their results by conceding that, in large cities, they were a complete failure. Corruption, it was thought, would pervade City Governments, however pure might be the workings of democracy in the rural districts. It may still be premature to assume that the present weeding out of Aldermanic bribe-takers will give us a pure City Government. From punishment to reform is still a long step. Yet it is but a step, and, now that punishment has begun, prevention is pretty sure to follow.

Few Aldermen will publicly ask for bribes, with the experience of Glade, Montgomery, and Busse before them. And, if they do not ask for them, they will seldom get them. It is a well-known fact concerning legislative corruption that the corrupt proposal seldom comes from the people's side. Lobbyists who have expended hundreds of thousands in buying Legislatures testify that the victims always offer themselves and arrange their terms. It is only necessary for the Devil to shake the bag and the Judas declares himself.

When Aldermen cease asking for bribes, therefore, City Councils will become comparatively pure. Purity in our City Government means a largely reduced city expenditure, lower taxes, better police, better Fire and Health Departments, better streets, and a better administration of justice. It is well that the Aldermen have led the way in this reform. The outer world will learn with surprise that at last honesty is demanded of Aldermen. From the fact that in nearly all cities the Aldermen received no legal compensation for their services, but were supposed, after the aristocratic English idea, to represent the property-holding classes who could afford to serve the public for nothing, it has happened that the public have looked with leniency on crooked Aldermanic shifts for making something out of their positions. As the public were getting the Aldermen's services for nothing, and as in this country there was little or no honor in the service, and as very few of the Aldermen could really afford to devote their time to the service of the city without pay, it has been generally assumed that, in ways more or less irregular, the Aldermen have contrived to make their positions pay. There is a radical defect in this entire plan, and it may be questioned whether any city has the moral right to expect absolute purity on the part of its officers until it pays them fairly for their services.

While, in this respect, a bad system has, perhaps, helped to make corruptionists, criminally, and it stupefies one of the best men, still, reform must commence somewhere, and cannot begin everywhere. It is well to begin by sending such men to jail, and then to proceed by paying the salaries to better men.

We hope the good work begun in the Common Council will go on in every department of the City Government, and in other cities, and throughout the country. Let us have a grand revival of the old-fashioned virtues of honesty and economy, about which so much is said and in behalf of which so little is done. Let us not only punish dishonesty, but let us go to work and single out our honest, frugal, prudent, and careful men, and actually elect them to public office. They have been sitting in the back seats long enough.

If this can be done, popular government may become a success, even in the great cities.

## THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

A few weeks since, the Secretary of the Treasury directed the Collector of Customs at Chicago to advertise for bids for the sale of one block of ground, within the limits prescribed in the act of Congress, to the United States Government, for the location of the new public buildings. These bids were opened yesterday, and were found to be as follows:

| No. of Block. | No. of square feet. | Price. | Price per square foot. |
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| 123 | 137,500 | $1,320,000 | $9 60 |
| 113 | 126,720 | 1,416,000 | 11 26 |
| 97 | 119,620 | 1,100,000 | 9 20 |

Block 121 is bounded by Clark, Dearborn, Adams, and Jackson streets, and was the site of the Bigelow Hotel before the fire. Block 117 is bounded by Clark, LaSalle, Monroe, and Adams. Block 97 is bounded by LaSalle, Wells, Adams, and Jackson, and is the southwestern block in the prescribed limits. No other bids were made.

We understand that the Secretary of the Treasury will proceed, as required by law, to condemn the remainder of the block upon which the old Post Office stood, and, if the price awarded by the jury or commission shall be what he deems the true value of the ground, will take that. If the price fixed is in his judgment, more than the ground is worth, he will probably buy one of the three squares above mentioned.

It should be remarked that 21,100 square feet of block 97 is embraced in Quincy street, which runs east and west through the centre of it. The proprietors of the block do not pretend to give title to this space, but leave the Government to get it from the city; also, that 12,000 square feet of block 121 is embraced in Quincy street. This brings the real price of block 97 up to $11.16 per square foot, and that of block 121 up to $10.85 per square foot. It thus appears that the Bigelow Block, so-called, is the cheapest of the three.

## ALDERMAN BLUNDERBUSS.

We narrated yesterday the misadventures of the misanthropic Montgomery. To-day another recent public functionary has joined the gloomy Glade and the misanthropic Montgomery,—the redoubtable Busse. It is related of the misanthropic Montgomery that, when his pathetic appeal to be locked up was complied with, the cloud of despondency which had enveloped him suddenly lifted, and, recovering that sportive humor which was always characteristic of him before he was supported at the public expense, he expressed a desire that two more Aldermen might be sent down to join them so that they could have a euchre party. Until that desirable consummation is reached, the three Aldermen can accommodate themselves with draw-poker, which affords ample opportunities for corruption, perhaps more than euchre, in which two of the players would have to form a Ring against the other two. Out-throat euchre is also a pleasant little game for a party of three, and would afford ample scope for the peculiar abilities of the assembled Aldermen.

Busse has not filled so large a space in the public eye as the misanthropic Montgomery. Much of his sweetness has been wasted on the desert air of the Twentieth Ward. Ostensibly, he was a flower born to blush unseen. We can remember but one occasion on which he has come prominently before the public, and on this occasion he appeared as the resolute foe of telegraph poles. As the champion of the people, as the Alderman of North Clark street, and as Busse, pure and simple, it will be remembered that he took his stand, metaphorically, with a blunderbuss, before his rostrum, and swore vengeance and blood against any Vandal who should attempt to stretch a telegraph wire in front of the home of Busse. But Alderman Busse met the fate of the obstinate bull who disputed the right of way with the locomotive. The engine passed on as if Taurus were but a pebble, and Busse offered no more resistance to the stretching of the wire than if he had been thin air. Then Busse for a time disappeared from public view. The misanthropic Montgomery sported on the surface of the water like the airy dolphin, but Alderman Blunderbusse swam in deep waters like the whale, until the party by the name of Geggin brought him reluctantly to the surface, securely hooked. He had not been particular enough about the bait. Like the whale, he had rushed along with open mouth, swallowing everything that offered itself.

It would be superfluous for us to point the moral in the case of Busse, for that has already been done in the case of the misanthropic Montgomery; the crime is the same in each case, the punishment the same, and the warning to the transgressor the same. But we cannot drop the case of Busse without urging upon the prosecution not to weary in well-doing. Keep on striking while the iron is hot. Three times and out is not fair. Keep the mill at work until the other ten grists are grist. With every fresh Alderman who goes behind the gratings, the tax-payers draw a long breath of relief. It is due to the Council that its character shall be vindicated; it is due to the City of Chicago, already materially purged by fire, that she shall be morally purged by the law, so that she can start off on her new career with a clean record; and it is due to the gloomy Glade, the misanthropic Montgomery, and the bewailable Busse, that they shall not be separated long from others of their euchre party. The prosecution can rely upon the moral support of the whole community in bringing all of the indicted to speedy trial. If they are innocent, it is wrong to allow them to linger under a suspicion of guilt. If they are guilty, it is right that they should be despatched at once to join the other three. In the meantime, the legal gentlemen who are employed for the defence should possess their souls in patience, and not threaten to wring the nose of the prosecution which has done such good service in scenting out frauds and the prosecution should keep on in its duties, regardless of the danger to its proboscis. And, to the jocose Storrs, a word. He has expressed his conviction that, if the indictments in these cases had the small-pox, the evidence was so far distant that it could not take it; which induces the suggestion that he has been vaccinating the evidence with very poor virus. Let us have a clear field and the utmost despatch with the other ten, and the euchre party of the misanthropic Montgomery may yet grow into a cotillion.

## AMENDING THE TARIFF.

Mr. Burchard, of Illinois, by way of bringing the whole subject before the Committee of Ways and Means, of which he is a member, introduced a bill in the House on the 22d of January, "to reduce the duties on imports and to equalize their burdens." The bill is an elaborate one, but hardly such a bill as Mr. Burchard or any other friend of Revenue Reform expects to pass. It is, however, well arranged as a scheme to bring the whole question before Congress and the country, and is one upon which the Committee can act, item by item.

The difficulties of legislation upon the tariff consist mainly in the fact that it is a schedule of taxes arranged not with reference to revenue, nor upon any principle, nor with any pretence to consistency. With the exception of the tax on tea and coffee, silks, wines, spices, and a few other things, the whole tariff is a scheme of special legislation, each item prepared by itself, and enacted for, for a special benefit of some one or more persons or corporations. We suppose that there are 100 items of taxation in the law, each of which was put there for the exclusive benefit of not more than one person or corporation. Any proposition to reform or amend this extraordinary system is instantly opposed by the persons interested, and our tariff, instead of being an act of general legislation intended to raise revenue, is in fact a law granting special bounties to the interests therein named. The Government, under the existing tariff, goes into partnership with the owner of a nickel mine in Pennsylvania to tax the people of the United States 40 per cent on all the nickel they use. Of this tax the Government receives probably 2 per cent, and the owner of the mine 38 per cent; and a law made up of items of this kind, many of them far more outrageous than this, is the thing which is called a tariff. No law equally disgraceful was ever found on our statute-book.

The present tariff consists of the acts of 1861 in January, 1867, with some twenty or more amendments, patching, extending, and increasing the original act. The hands of special interests may be traced in each of these amendatory acts. In one it is copper, in another hair-pins, another wool, another Bessemer steel, another slate-pencils, hooks and eyes, quinine, and so on, until the whole law, as it stands, is nothing but a scheme of special taxes levied upon the people, for the profit of individuals and corporations, wherein revenue for the Government is a secondary consideration.

The bill recently reported in the Senate (as well as this introduced by Mr. Burchard) does not propose to restore the legislation of Congress to any *system*. That is perhaps impossible now. Both bills propose to alter the existing bounties, not to repeal them. Both reduce, change, modify, and, in some instances, increase, the protection; but neither abolishes it. Both bills recognize and perpetuate the curse of all American legislation,—special privileges, and special monopolies to the few, at the cost of the many.

There are several modes proposed for reaching Revenue Reform. One of these is to enact a law reducing all existing duties 10 or 15 per cent. To this the objectionable, because it leaves the more glaring vices of the system substantially in force, and renders the whole collection of revenue difficult. Another is to select such articles as yield the least revenue in proportion to the amount of the tax which they impose, until an aggregate of fifty millions of dollars is made up, and then repeal the duties on them. This is better than the other mode. A third plan, and by all means the wisest, is to re-enact a new tariff, selecting for taxation all such articles as produce the greatest revenue with the least indirect tax, and as many of such articles as will produce the required revenue, and make all other articles free. This would be a tariff for revenue. Against all these measures, however, are combined all the special interests now enjoying protection from the present abominable tariff. Against any general assault, whether it be directed against protection or for a reduction of duties, these interests will present an undivided front, using the very money taken from the people to perpetuate their power in one or both Houses of Congress. Under these circumstances, it has been considered wise, and we concur in the judgment, that this monstrous iniquity be attacked in detail, and that the taxes on coal, and salt, and pig-iron, and lumber, which are grievous burdens upon all the protected classes as well as upon the people at large, should be selected for separate repeal. The taxes collected from the people on these three articles aggregate nearly $40,000,000 a year, of which the Government receives less than $5,000,000. Iron is a raw material of nearly every manufacture in the United States; it enters into nearly every trade and occupation, from that of the man who makes or uses the finest machinery to him who buys horse-shoes. Salt is equally an article of universal use, not only in food, but in various manufacturing purposes. Equally universal and indispensable is coal. Coal and iron enter largely into the cost of nearly every manufacture, and all men, of all classes, will unite in demanding the repeal of the taxes thereon.

The whole country feels and understands the weight and enormity of these taxes, and we do not believe that there is any party prepared to go into the Presidential election assuming the responsibility of refusing to repeal them. If the Republican majority in the Senate wishes to assume that position before the people, then they must expect to abide the consequences. Free Coal, Free Iron, and Free Salt will not be unpopular in the next canvass.

The evidence in the second case against Montgomery disclosed the fact that, when he received $1,900, he presented a list of nine been Aldermen, including himself, to whom he said he had to pay $100 each. That Montgomery acted fairly we have no question, and that eighteen others shared the bribe cannot be doubted. Whoare those eighteen? There is hardly a man in the city who cannot make out the list. They are well known. What is wanted now is for Mr. Montgomery to frankly state the names of these men. It is wrong that he should be punished for receiving $1,900, when every one concedes he got but $100. There are other cases against Montgomery; but the ends of justice would be better promoted by his frank confession of who the eighteen other men were, than it would be by any further prosecution of him. Will he redeem himself somewhat in the eyes of the community by giving the names to the public?

Perhaps the most singular fact in connection with the recent Convention to secure the recognition of Christianity in the Constitution is the failure of the members of that Convention to observe that the Constitution does recognize Christianity as the prevailing faith of the American people. No Jewish, or Mohammedan or Atheistic, or Pagan Convention would have written in the Attestation clause thereof the words: "Done in convention the seventeenth day of September, *in the year of Our Lord* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of America the twelfth." This is the involuntary recognition which all Christian nations render, and, indeed, which all private individuals render, to the ascendency of the Christian faith, when, in assigning a date to any event, they compute the date from the time of Christ. But it is none the less a clear recognition of the fact, and one which no non-Christian nation would make. One of the first acts of the French revolutionists of 1793, in abolishing the Christian religion, was to forbid the assignment of dates according to the Christian era. Though we attach no religious importance whatever to the fact, yet, as a matter of historic truth, it is worth while to remember that the Constitution is so far Christian that it terms Jesus Christ "Our Lord." A convention of Jews and Deists to expunge that recognition would, therefore, have more significance than that which recently assembled.

The bill to give the Mayor power to remove all city officers not elected by the people, and members of all Boards created by the Charter, is imperatively demanded by the best interests of our city. We regret to hear from Springfield that some unfortunate "hitch" delays its passage. It passed the House on Wednesday, but is now returned to that body by the Senate, upon the allegation that its passage through the House was due to "fraud," by which is meant, we presume, some misconstruction of its provisions. Next to the importance of freeing the bill from all ambiguities, is that of passing it promptly and so that it will take effect immediately. Its whole purpose is to render the Mayor of Chicago responsible to the people of Chicago for all maladministration in any branch of the Executive Government of the city, including, especially, the Boards of Health, Police and Fire, Public Works, and Education. To this end the Mayor should be invested with a power to turn out incompetent and corrupt officials, and appoint proper ones, as summarily as the President of the United States may do among the forty thousand officers of the Executive branch of the National Government. It is not intended or desired that he shall have any power to appoint or remove Aldermen, for that can be safely left to the Courts. If the bill as drawn admits of that construction, it should be corrected in that respect, and passed.

The New York Committee of Seventy have recently been engaged in investigating the city pickings and stealings of Tweed & Co. The result shows frauds everywhere, fully as despicable, if not so gigantic, as those exposed in the administration of county affairs last summer. The Legislature will appoint a Committee to investigate these frauds, and the evidence collected by the Committee will be laid before them. From the mass of items presented by the Committee, we select a few as samples of the whole. The cost of pens, ink, and paper, in one year, for the Department of Public Works, was $25,494.43; for the iron-work used in the construction of a sewer for six months, $26,263.13; for nuts, brooms, brushes, and spittoons, for six months, $23,637.92; for fences built at the Pipe Yard in two months, $46,838.74. Some of the county swindlers appear in the city supplies. Garvey, the plasterer, got the modest sum of $129,707.59, on May 25, 1871, for repairing the aqueduct; and Ingersoll & Co. appear in the vouchers signed by Tweed & Co. as furnishing cane-seat chairs at $20 each, rotary chairs at $30 each, mats at $15 each, a carpet for a Police Court $1,000, and so on. On Sept. 5, 1870, they fitted up the Bureau of the Chief Engineer at a cost of $19,681.88, and on Sept. 27, 1870, the Bureau of the Water Register at a cost of $98,800. The only reason why the frauds are not so large in the city supplies as in those of the county seems to have been that Tweed & Co. were more restricted by law in the former case than in the latter; but, as far as it was possible for them to get their hands into the City Treasury, they improved the opportunity.

Another suit against ex-Collector Murphy, to recover money paid as a spoliation assessment, has been entered by a Custom House officer. It will be remembered that an ex-employe, Sheehan, began such a suit about two weeks since, but shortly afterwards withdrew it. Sheehan had testified on oath, before the Congressional Committee, that a notice, with the signature, "Murphy," was posted in a conspicuous place in the Custom House, ordering the clerks to pay an assessment of 3 per cent on their salaries; that he had accordingly paid in that amount to three officials in the office of Surveyor Cornell. When the suit was withdrawn, that portion of the press which seems to imagine that the interests of the Republican party centre in the Custom Houses of New Orleans and New York, exultingly stated that Sheehan had deliberately perjured himself by his evidence given before the Committee. What his reason was for the withdrawal, we do not know, although it might, perhaps, not be a hard task to guess at. If there has been perjury in the case, why is not the perjurer prosecuted? His conviction would be a trump-card for the Murphy set; and, if there were the least chance of bringing it about, that drowning section would grasp eagerly at the straw. The only evidence offered has been that of Surveyor Cornell, who swears that the signature, "Murphy," to the placard in question, is a forgery. Only this and nothing more. According to this witness, the clerks paid their assessments (he admits that assessments were laid) voluntarily. In his own words, they "felt a generous pride in supporting the party." He afterwards reluctantly confessed that the "10 per cent was sometimes distributed" to pay. It has thus been proved that assessments were laid; that placards to that effect, purporting to be signed by Murphy, were publicly posted; and that these assessments were paid, although some of the clerks were "disinclined" to do so. Sheehan's suit may have been a mere attempt at blackmail. If it was, only a guilty man would have feared it; and its withdrawal is a sign that Sheehan succumbed to Murphy's guilt. At any rate, it is absurd to denounce the ex-clerk as a perjurer, when every part of his testimony has been shown to be true by the confessions of the adherents of Murphy. The bare fact that a precisely similar suit has been brought by another man speaks volumes. It is melancholy to see the straits to which hitherto respectable journals have been forced in the defence of their self-chosen motto: "The Custom House, right or wrong." The paper which, by its fearless exposure of corruption in the City Hall of New York, made gigantic strides in popular favor, is fast retracing those steps by its transparent efforts to conceal corruption in the Custom House of New York.

We notice that a bill has been introduced in the Senate of Wisconsin, which, if passed, will distribute $7,000 among eight schools, hospitals, etc., of Milwaukee. Of these eight begging institutions, five are under Catholic control, and three are non-sectarian. The five are to receive two-thirds of the amount donated, and the three the remaining third. What the prospects of the measure are, we do not know; but, if there is any danger of its success, Wisconsin would do well to follow the example of New York, and at once adopt a constitutional amendment forbidding all State aid to sectarian institutions. It might be a good idea to go a step further, and prohibit all State aid to any but State institutions. Because an enterprise like a Seamen's Chapel or a Women's Hospital is, in itself, praiseworthy, it by no means follows that the State should tax all its citizens to support it. If such an institution is absolutely necessary, it will spring into existence straightway, and will never have to beg. If not necessary, or if, after being started, it fails, we can see no reason for asking the State to play the part of foster-mother to the deserted nurslings of private benevolence.

The formal submission of the papers in the San Juan boundary question to the Emperor of Germany has provoked from the English press a re-argument of the supposed merits of the question itself. We can imagine the gratified common sense of the Emperor William hearing of a conclusion in this case, by the aid of his Prime Minister, in a manner somewhat as follows:

Bismarck. The treaty of 1843 between England and the United States provides that the boundary shall run along the middle of the channel separating Vancouver's Island from the mainland.

Wilhelm. Yes.

Bismarck. And the men who drew the treaty did not apparently observe that the channel was full of islands, and that, consequently, there were several "channels" dividing Vancouver's from the continent.

Wilhelm. Taco.

Bismarck. As the largest of these islands is San Juan, and the two largest of the channels are divided from each other by this island, the Americans want the line to so run as to give them the island, while the British, in like manner, want the line run through the channel nearest the continent, so as to give them the island. That is the whole question.

Wilhelm. I see. The treaty determines nothing; the law determines nothing; and I am simply to say which of the contending parties is to have the island. There are but two ways to decide the question. One is to toss up a copper and give the whole island to one. The other is to split the island in two and give half of it to each. I'll run the line through the middle of the island, and let them go to war to settle where the middle of the island is.

One Laura Cuppy Smith, of California, a new and intensely shining light in the woman's-rights movement, delivered the first of a series of new-departure lectures in New York the other evening. The drift of her doctrine was, that a woman who makes wealth an inducement in marriage—in short, who inquires whether a husband is able to support her—is no better than one whose beauty, grace, and woman's charms are knocked down to the highest bidder; thus completely confounding prudence with prostitution. The next great truth with which she came "freighted" was, that woman has the same natural right to be licentious as man; as for the lecturer supposed that man's licentiousness was in some way commixed without any participation on the part of woman. Starting from these premises, she naturally concluded by lamenting that so deep a sympathy should be felt for the lamented James Fisk, Jr., while the cold and cruel world should wholly forget the tenderness due to Helen Josephine Mansfield. In the midst of an epidemic of murder based on the practice of illicit love, the premium for audacity belongs to the woman who boldly comes forward to its defence as a doctrine and theory.

The petty squabble in the French Academy, which resulted in the election of M. Littre, and the consequent resignation of Monseigneur Dupanloup, recalls the sermon which a certain cure preached before Louis XIV. The Forty Academicians style themselves "The Immortals," but the cure ventured to mildly hint that he thought "some of them were mortal." As the story runs, his satire was rewarded by a Bishopric. Fresh importance has been attached to the withdrawal of M. Dupanloup by the publication of a letter from the Pope, in which congratulations and blessings are showered on the Archbishop's head for "denouncing the scandal" of giving an election to a "soul corrupted with perverted opinions" and "infected by the most detestable errors of this century." It would have been been better policy to have let the matter be forgotten as quickly as possible. The Papal letter has been followed by a flood of epigrams, which place the conduct of the ex-Academician in anything but a favorable light.

M. Brunet, an ultra-Republican member of the French Assembly, has evidently heard of the Cincinnati Religious Convention, and struck with the novelty of taking business out of the hands of the churches, and enacting religion and ordering the recognition of Divine Providence by statute, has moved in the Assembly that they decree as follows: 1. France, determined to regenerate herself, confides only in the omnipotence of God. 2. France, in order to prove her love for the Supreme Being, will erect a temple upon the spot which has been styled the Place du Roi de Rome. 3. On this temple there shall be inscribed, "God protects France; Christ is the Conquerer, reigns and commands." It is needless to say that M. Brunet was at once set down as a lunatic, and it is hardly too much to say that his action will be pronounced eccentric and ridiculous all over Christendom. The fact is, however, that his motion is no more eccentric than the proceedings of the Cincinnati Convention now in session, which proposes to legalize the Omnipotent.

Senator Chandler, of Michigan, is a remarkable man. He is remarkable principally on account of his strict sense of justice. The abnormal development of this characteristic was first noticed in his many speeches on the injustice of freeing Chicago from paying taxes to monopolists, and has recently been still more fully exemplified by his anti-Amnesty oration. The spectacle of two or three hundred Ku-Klax prisoners taken out and shot would, Mr. Chandler thinks, do a good deal more good than Amnesty. He is above any weak, womanish sentimentality about mercy and forgiveness, and evidently thinks a good deal more of Rhadamanthus than he does of the God of Christianity; for, says the Senator from Michigan, "God may forgive an unrepentant Rebel, but I never will." This would be cruel, were it not for the fact that, when God's forgiveness has been obtained, that of Senator Chandler will scarcely be needed.

Mr. Storrs' experiences on the trials of the Aldermanic scallawags have led him to the conclusion that the City of Chicago has not yet emerged from barbarism. After enjoying the confidences of three such bright and shining lights of civilization as the gloomy Glade, the misanthropic Montgomery, and the bewailable Busse, we are not surprised that Mr. Storrs should give a very body very much to barbarism. Whether he is wealthy,—as from a determination to cheat it away from the "niece" and her husband, who are said to have rendered miserable the last years of his domestic life by which he has been tried in this city for many years,—or will so stir up the mud and slime of "low-life" in the city.

The delights of French journalism are newly exemplified by the sentence to transportation of the Director of the official journal of the Commune. The only charge brought against him was, we believe, his supervisionce of the paper in question; and, for such an offence, the punishment is exceptionally severe.

## POLITICAL.

The Omaha *Tribune* advocates the claims of Henry Wilson on the Vice Presidency.

—General Vandever has refused to accept a nomination to the Iowa Legislature from the Republicans of Dubuque.

—The Atlanta (Ga.) *New Era* favors the bill to remit the political disabilities of the Hon. Herschel V. Johnson, of that State, and says that, should it pass by the requisite two-thirds vote, Mr. Johnson will, in all probability, become one of the Justices of the State Supreme Court.

—Mr. James M. Scovel, of New Jersey, in replying to some strictures passed upon him by the St. Louis *Democrat* on account of his presence at the recent gathering of Liberal Republicans in Missouri, says: "It is my story and my boast that I never enriched myself in politics, though the Consulate to Liverpool or $50,000 in cash was the price offered me in 1866 to betray Republicanism and defeat the Fourteenth Amendment, which was ratified in the New Jersey Legislature by my casting vote, and without it that great instrument of equal rights would have been defeated."

—There seems to be dissatisfaction among the Republicans of Georgia at the action of their State Committee in appointing delegates to the National Convention in Philadelphia, and especially that seven of the delegates chosen by it were themselves members of the Committee. The Atlanta *Era* says that this dissatisfaction has in a degree been obviated by the resignation of a number of the delegates thus appointed, and, as the Chairman is authorized to supply those vacancies by other appointments, it hopes that harmony may be secured at a time when harmony and united action are so essential to the party in Georgia.

—A New Haven correspondent of the New York *Tribune* says:

Senator Ferry's term as United States Senator from Connecticut will expire on the 4th of March, 1873, and the Legislature to be chosen this spring will elect his successor. It is generally understood that Senator Ferry will not again be a candidate, owing to the feeble condition of his health, which has almost debarred him from active work during the past two or three years. His discomfort in the Senatorial station, but it is possible, in view of the fact, that he has somewhat improved lately, that his friends may persuade him to consent to run again. We have been decided as to what course he should pursue. He has had friends in different parts of the State pressing him to become a candidate for Governor, but finding that Governor Jewell would be in the field as a candidate for Governor, but finding that Governor Jewell would be in the field as a candidate for Governor, but finding that Governor Jewell would be in the field as

## MOTHER ZIEGENMEYER.

### Murderess of a Prussian Nobleman Arrested in Chicago.

### She Buries the Dead Man's Name and Takes Possession of His Effects.

### Body Found in a Manure-Pile—Full Confession of the Crime.

Chicago has found his match in cool and artful murder, and in appropriating the victim's property and effects, if not in the skill which the consummate criminal manifested in so long successfully baffling all attempts to solve the mystery. The fine the murdered man is a Prussian nobleman, who had turned his attention to farming in Livingston County, near the village of Pontiac, and whose curious career has already made the subject of several newspaper paragraphs. The murderer was hunted down in Chicago by a father in law, and bringing all the effects of the dead man, and actually assuming to be that man, toward whom he bore a strong personal resemblance. The Dwight Star of yesterday has a full account of the crime and its discovery, from which we condense the following:

Dwight was yesterday morning the residents of the town were startled by a rumor, that could be traced to no reliable source, of the perpetration of a horrible murder, the victim being none other than Mr. Gindele, a Prussian nobleman, who has been resident of our township for the past two years, and who was sent from Europe by his friends to avoid the consequences of a duel, which took place at the beginning of the Franco-Prussian war, in which he killed his man. Arriving in this country with small means, he rented a farm of Mr. R. C. Adams, of Dwight, and went upon the occupation of farming. On the 2d and 3d ult., he drew a part of his half-yearly remittance which he was accustomed to receiving from home, and, having spent some time in the city, left Dwight in his sleigh, with Frederick Bissmiller, for his home. But he and his quarrelled immediately, which, becoming known to Mr. Bissmiller, he left the sleigh and rode to Mr. Bissmiller, he left the sleigh, only half a mile from town, which was the last seen of Gindele until he was discovered, by the merest accident, under a heap of compost in the manure-pile, which, becoming the property of Farwell, was removed to his stable. The fact being known that he had money on the evening mentioned, and that he had left town quarreling with the hired man together with his absence from his usual

excited suspicion, and inquiries relatively made as to his whereabouts. Shafer, applied to, stated that he had gone to Chicago, and that he was to draw the corn on the way to market and then follow him to that city with the team, for the purpose of engaging in the business of removing the *debris* of the late conflagration. This story not coinciding with facts in Natalie, where he had been actually selling corn and receiving pay for the same, the death of the murdered man, he was charged with falsehood, which so alarmed him that he left the team, leaving all the effects of the dead man in charge of the hired man, Christopher Ziegenmeyer, who had arrived in Chicago, Wilmington, and other points.

He existed suspicion, and inquiries of Constable Sutton, of Gardner, and Detective Winstead, of Wilmington, upon the 17th inst., found him, after unremitting search, in a out-of-the-way place in Chicago, in which he had taken up his abode at a very low figure.

THE SUPPOSED MURDERER SECURED.

Upon his arrest in conversation, to make sure of his identity, discovered he was a man, and at once manacled him, to prevent suicide, and forced him, without unnecessary violence, and the usual legal policy in such instances, to submit to the indignity of being handcuffed. He was then taken from the trench in which he had been laid, were put into his pockets, and he was taken away in the custody of Constable Sutton, of Gardner, and Detective Winstead, of Wilmington, to Chicago, with the intention of lodging him in the Bridewell. Upon arriving in Chicago, and while the party were waiting for a train, the prisoner, who had been very quiet, asked permission to step into a saloon, which was granted, and, upon his coming out, he was searched, and a pistol was found upon him, which he had purchased in the city. He was then taken to the Bridewell, and locked up.

THE CONFESSION.

Gindele was, in effect, that while going to the stable, he was attacked from behind, and struck down. After reaching consciousness, he found that his pockets were rifled, and his money, watch, and papers were gone. After reaching the house, he found Farwell in the act of rifling and lying on the bed. The quarrel then ensued by Farwell in a hard, bitter, and, for some reason on the part of the latter, unprovoked manner, during which he struck a blow with the small of the back, and then on the bed again, upon which Shafer was lying wounded, and struck him with the table close by, and struck him on the temple with it; the force of the blow broke it in two, and that he had killed Farwell. He was not conscious of having struck him at one time, though examination proves that he must have done so, as the wounds by these several blows. He then deliberated what was best to do; whether give himself up to justice, and finally concluded to bury the body in the manure-pile, and, by the means necessary for the concealment of the fact, he could have time to sell the corn on the farm before being suspected, and actually went to Kewanee and Wenona, Illinois, the day before leaving; the money for which, with a reckless profusion that first drew the suspicion upon himself.

SHAFER'S HISTORY.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The delicate portion of the proceedings having been duly disposed of, the following report of Mrs. Mitchell, temporary Secretary, was presented. It may be explained that Miss Thompson, Secretary of the Board, was absent from the city at the date of the fire. Her report up to that time was presented, but as the subjoined contains the same information identically, and is more comprehensive and clear than supplementary, that of Miss Thompson is omitted:

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A Ypsilanti letter brings news of the death there, on the 26th inst., of Professor of Latin and Greek in the State Normal School.

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GOLD.

Contrary to expectation the Directors of the Bank of England, at their meeting to-day, did not change the discount rate. Some of the foreign houses, in Wall street, were yesterday buying gold on the expectation that the rate would be advanced. The bull movement, therefore, could not be sustained, and the price to-day fell off to 109¾. The weakness in exchange also had an unfavorable effect on the market. The rates paid for carrying were 6 to 7 per cent, and the closing quotation was 109¾.

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